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TAGS: PLO, PFOR, KU  
SUBJECT: KUWAITI REACTION TO PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL  
(PNC) MEETING

1. OFFICIAL REACTION. THE ONLY OFFICIAL PUBLIC KUWAIT REACTION TO THE CAIRO PNC MEETING SO FAR HAS BEEN A BRIEF COMMENTARY TO THE PRESS (AL QABAS, MARCH 23) BY MINISTER FOR CABINET AFFAIRS HUSSEIN. HE ASSERTED THAT THE PLO'S POSITION "ES ESTABLISHED AND HAS NOT CHANGED," BUT HE WAS REPORTEDLY CRITICAL OF THE USG: "WASHINGTON WANTS THE PALESTINIANS TO GIVE UP THEIR ESTABLISHED POSITION AND . . . WHEN IT TALKS ABOUT MAKING PROGRESS IN THE PALESTINIAN POSITION, IT MEANS IN REALITY PALESTINIAN CONCESSIONS . . ."

2. EDITORIAL REACTION. THE GENERAL EDITORIAL REACTION IS CONSISTENT ON TWO POINTS -- THE PLO IS SOMEWHAT MORE UNIFIED NOW AS A RESULT OF THE PNC MEETING, WHICH IS VIEWED AS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PLO POSITION ON SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL HAS MODERATED SOMEWHAT. ON THIS LATTER POINT, THE WEIGHT OF EDITORIAL  
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OPINION IS THAT THIS MODERATION IS VIEWED AS AN UNDESIRABLE TREND FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS (I.E. POSSIBLE EVENTUAL ABANDONMENT OF THE CLAIM TO ALL OF PALESTINE, FUTURE SERIOUS SPLITS IN THE PLO, ABANDONMENT OF ARMED STRUGGLE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES). THERE IS, HOWEVER, RELATIVELY LITTLE CRITICISM OF THE PLO'S DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO GO TO GENEVA.

3. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE EDITORIAL STAFFS  
OF MOST KUWAITI PAPERS ARE DOMINATED BY MORE MILITANT MEMBERS  
OF KUWAIT'S PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY WHO TEND TO BE HIGHLY  
CYNICAL ABOUT MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROSPECTS AND EXTREMELY CRITICAL  
OF PEACE PROPOSALS WHICH ARE NOT HEAVILY WEIGHTED IN PLO FAVOR.  
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